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Dear Jean,

I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for inviting PBI to be a part of the CCLR's 3rd Annual NYS Redevelopment Summit in Albany, and for providing scholarship tickets for four members of the Philmont community team who attended the Summit.

Our team consisted of millennial professionals in the fields of architecture, design, theatre, and the arts accompanied by other residents, business owners, and an elected official committed to working collaboratively to maximize the opportunities of land recycling and adaptive re-use for 17 sites recently identified in a BOA Nomination making up post-industrial landscapes in the Village of Philmont.

Immediately following the first day of sessions our team came together in an engaging roundtable debriefing session. Working within the mission of PBI, steeped in a collaborative community process of revitalization, the overarching team takeaway was that our community can produce an effective pro-active community initiative BOA redevelopment supported by technical assistance, and by recognizing innovation is firmly rooted in the DNA of our community's human capital.

We asked each of the team members who received scholarships to define their experience in one sentence included below:

“The NYS Redevelopment Summit provided me with an overview of the players, processes and strategies of community development, potential funding sources and tips and tricks for accessing them, examples of inspirational development in other communities, a bevy of online resources that will be useful as we explore funding for

Philmont, and an opportunity to confer with the Philmont team attending the conference to share our take-aways from the conference and plan our next steps.”
Debra Gitterman 6/14/18

“Immersion in this learning opportunity brought many new insights, but my most potent take away from the conference was about having a cohesive vision that comes from the community, that is based on a shared understanding of existing assets and can be articulated in a convincing story about collective identity and vision for future revitalization that builds a network of private and public funding sources and support to achieve those goals.”

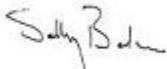
Julia Sedlock (& Mark Rowntree) – Cosmo Design Factory 6/15/18

“I appreciated being able to be part of NYS redevelopment summit. In the sessions I attended what came into focus was that localities, and their networks of expertise, need to rally together and take hold of their particular challenges in order to be successful. The government programs and policies appeared clearly as fulcrums, not levers, flint that can draw the spark, not the fire. Thank you for inviting me to be part of this I will try to make good use of what I learned in Philmont.”

Nathaniel Williams - Free Columbia 6/16/18

Once again, PBI would like to take this opportunity to thank you. The CCLR Summit provided a perfect springboard for the Philmont community team and PBI to start the scope of work as a working group dedicated to implementing the Summit Lake and Its Watercourse BOA Step 2 Nomination!

Sincerely,



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David Ashton – NYS DOS
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